SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5233** TRICKY **B5233**

	1			2	3			4
3								9
			7		5		3	
				3		2		8
2			4	5			1	
8			6			9	7	
	4					1	9	7
		9				3		
6						4	5	

2			3					4
				1	5	7		
1							3	
						1		
		3		4		6		
8	9	5			2		4	
	6	8		9				3
			2			4		
9								5

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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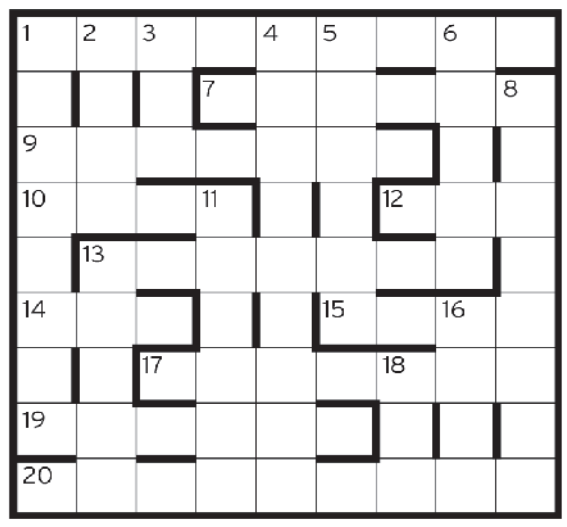
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

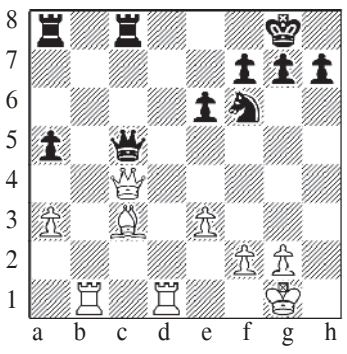
1 Law enforcement officer (9)
7 Knot (6)
9 Prizes (7)
10 In accordance with facts (4)
12 Drinking vessel (3)
13 Changed (7)
14 Omelette ingredient (3)
15 Reflection of sound (4)
17 Went in (7)
19 Sequence (6)
20 Beer discs (anag.) (9)



DOWN

1 Business associates (8)
2 Finished (4)
3 Moo (3)
4 Woodworker (9)
5 Tolerate (6)
6 Audibly (5)
8 Blows up (8)
11 Cultural, national (6)
13 Concur (5)
16 In this place (4)
18 Steal from (3)

CHESS



WHITE WINS THE QUEEN

HINT: DIVERT ITS DEFENDER.

Solution: 1. Rd8ch! Rxd8 2. Qxc5. If instead 1. .... Ne8, 2. Rxe8ch! is even worse for Black.

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 16;

Very good 24;

Excellent 32 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

ETHICALLY

acetyl achy acyl alley ally chilly chyle city clay ETHICALLY ethyl hilly hiya hyalite itchy lacily lacy laity lately lily lithely tally telly they yacht yeah yell yeti

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

LISTEN, I'M NOT LOOKING AT THE DANCE AS A CHANCE TO HAVE MY FIRST KISS WITH GINA!
IT'S A DANCE! I JUST WANT TO ENJOY MYSELF AND HAVE FUN!
OKAY, FINE. BUT YOU STILL NEED TO BE PREPARED JUST IN CASE.
WHICH MEANS WHAT?
AT THE SNACK TABLE, DO NOT GO NEAR THE GARLIC DIP.
ROOKIE MISTAKE.
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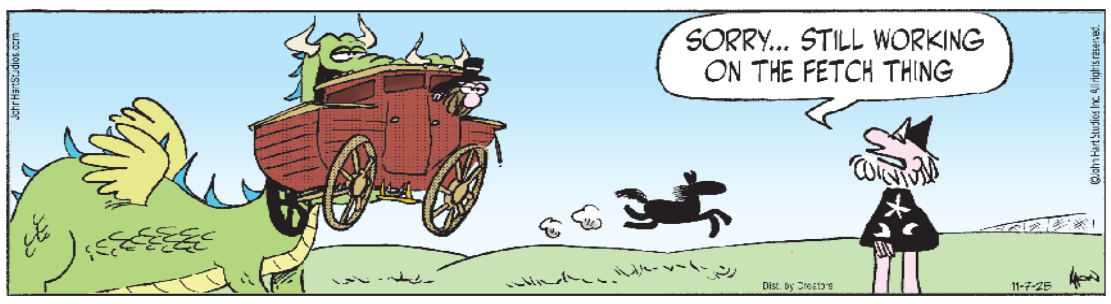
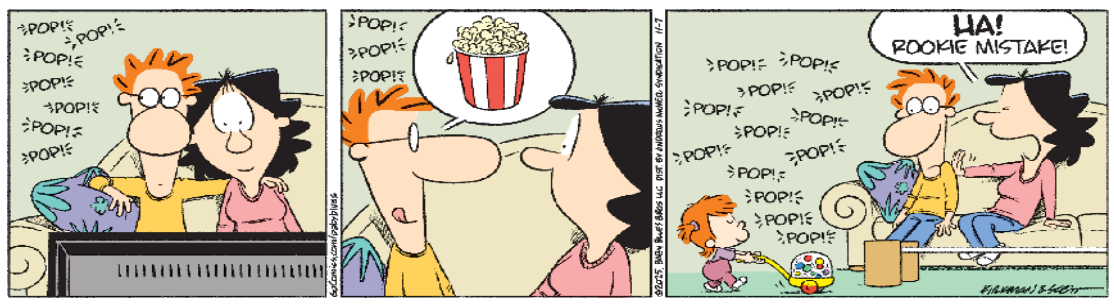
THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES



WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:43pm	05:13pm	05:49pm	05:11pm	05:18pm	05:46pm
Sunrise	06:37am	06:29am	06:42am	06:22am	06:36am	06:47am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow				Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	13	29	Sunny	65	13	28	Sunny		10	29	Sunny
Hyderabad	16	34	Sunny	38	14	33	Sunny		15	32	Sunny
Islamabad	11	26	Sunny	56	11	26	Sunny		10	26	Sunny
Lahore	9	26	Sunny	41	13	28	Sunny		13	27	Sunny
Multan	14	29	Sunny	56	13	29	Sunny		13	29	Sunny
Peshawar	9	26	Sunny	69	10	26	Sunny		10	25	Sunny
Quetta	3	18	Sunny	23	4	18	Sunny		4	18	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
MELODEON

(MELODEON: muh-LOH-dee-un: A small reed organ.)

Average mark 27 words
Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 38 or more words in MELODEON?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — LOBBYING

ling	bling
lingo	blob
lion	blog
lobbing	boil
lobby	bong
login	bony
logy	yogi
loin	ignobly
long	nobly
lying	gibbon
oily	glib
only	glob
bingo	goblin
blin	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

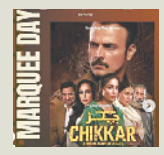
1 Migraine
8 Ignite
9 Told
10 Nor
11 Infers
13 Germinate
15 Kenyan
17 Ted
18 Data
19 Eaglet
20 Tendency.

DOWN

1 Mitigates
2 Ironed
3 Golf
4 Aggrieved
5 Inns
6 Ninja
7 Mercenary
12 Static
14 Ridge
15 Kiln
16 Yarn.

METRO EVENTS

FILM SCREENING



As part of the World Culture Festival, a film, *Chikkar,* is screened at Auditorium 2, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 4pm.

MUSIC

'Music of Makran' with Ustad Noor Bakhsh and his band at Studio 2, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 9pm.

EXHIBITIONS

Reconstructing Space, an exhibition of works by five artists, is underway at Chawkandi Art Gallery, at 5pm. The show will continue till Nov 8, daily from 11am to 7pm.

An exhibition of works by Nazia Ejaz is underway at Canvas Gallery. Titled *Borderlands*, it will continue till Nov 6, daily from 11am to 7pm.

Investigative Aesthetics, an exhibition of works by nine artists, is underway at Koel Art Gallery. It will continue till Nov 24.

PLAY

Conference of the Birds, a play directed by Wendy Jehlen and written by Fariduddin Attar, is staged as part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium 1, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 8pm

Conference of the Birds
A THEATRICAL DANCE PERFORMANCE BY ANIKAYA
Venue: Auditorium 1, Arts Council Karachi
Ticket Price: 1500/- PKR
GRAB YOUR TICKETS NOW FROM WWW.ACPKH.COM
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8:00 PM

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

*** Tread carefully with your closest relationships today (especially romantic relationships). They will be powerful and intense. Feelings of insecurity might make you feel jealous. Today some relationships might end break down. Tonight: Go gently.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

** Relationships with professional partners, spouses and close friends will be challenged today. This could relate to something going on with a boss or a parent. It might be about money differences. You can't ignore that something needs to be addressed or looked at. Tonight: Patience.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** Your desire to introduce improvements in your job and, possibly, improvements in your health or how you deal with your pet might bring positive results today. However, allow for the possibility that someone else might have helpful input. Don't shut others out. Tonight: Listen.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

** This is a challenging day for parents to deal with their kids. Hissy fits and meltdowns are likely. Avoid power struggles with your kids, as well as romantic partners, to avoid nastiness. (It also means that you are part of this equation.) This passionate, disruptive energy is gone by tomorrow -- certainly Sunday. Tonight: Be tolerant.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

** This is a tough day dealing with others, especially friends and members of groups. You might feel criticized or not respected. You also might feel cut off from others. Meanwhile, family relationships are also difficult today. It's time to send out for dark chocolate. Tonight: Stay positive.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

*** Avoid clashes with parents, bosses and authority figures, which will arise if you keep pushing an issue. Ironically, this is the kind of day where you might feel so hot under the collar, you'll make a big kerfuffle about something. Let go of your desire to have your way. Sit this one out. Tonight: Let it go.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

** Avoid arguments about politics, religion and racial issues today. They'll be discouraging. Furthermore, you'll be distracted by arguments about something you own, or perhaps even about money. Don't make a big purchase because you feel compelled to do so. Stay chill. Tonight: Show respect.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

** Your experiences when dealing with others today will be intense and emotional. Discussions might be passionate in an unforgettable way. They might even lead to a real breakdown in a relationship, especially if there is jealousy smoldering or a sense of resentment. Change is needed. Tonight: Don't go overboard.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

*** Basically, you're upbeat and positive! Try not to get caught in the emotional tangles of relationships today. They will only bring you down. Having said that, disputes, especially with a family member or a partner, might be unavoidable. Take the high ground if you can. (The view is better.) Tonight: Be understanding.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

*** You value your good reputation. Keep this in mind before you butt heads with a friend or a member of a group about an issue that is important for you both. Is it worth losing a friendship? Someone older or in a position of authority might discourage you at work or in a health-related situation. Stay strong. Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

** Relations with authority figures are challenging today, especially if they're about politics or your personal freedom. Although you want stability in this relationship, change is necessary. Meanwhile, romance is difficult. Be patient with children. Tonight: Be kind.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

*** Conversations with family members, especially parents and older relatives, might be challenging today. Someone might be critical of you. (Arrgh.) This could relate to passionate ideas about politics or religion, which many people have today. To keep the peace you might have to agree to disagree. Tonight: Relax.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

South	North
1 ♣	1 ♥

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ 7 ♥ Q93 ♦ K985 ♣ AKJ63
2. ♠ K1098 ♥ Q93 ♦ 4 ♣ AKJ63
3. ♠ 6 ♥ Q93 ♦ AK87 ♣ AKJ63
4. ♠ AJ5 ♥ Q93 ♦ K6 ♣ AKJ63

* * *

1. Two hearts. Judgment is said to be the name of the game, and you are certainly put to the test in this case, which poses a difficult choice between two reasonable rebids.

You could bid two clubs because you think it important to identify your good club suit and at the same time avoid an immediate raise in hearts with only three-card trump support. Or you could bid two hearts because it comes closer to describing the nature of your hand than a two-club bid would.

While it is true that a direct raise of partner's suit is usually based on four cards rather than three, over the long haul the single raise in a major on three to an honor and an unbalanced hand will produce a better result than rebidding a five-card minor suit.

For those who might have considered two diamonds as a possible rebid, see No.3 below.

2. One spade. No other bid should seriously be considered. The search for a 4-4 major suit fit -- partner might have four spades and four hearts, or four spades and five hearts -- takes precedence over a two-club bid or a direct raise in hearts with only three-card support. There is a good chance you will get to show your three-card heart support at your next turn, depending on what partner does in response to your one-spade bid.

3. Two diamonds. This is a "reverse," indicating 17 or more points as well as at least five clubs and four diamonds. You plan to show your heart support next to identify your shortness in spades.

As opener, whenever you bid a new suit on the two-level that ranks higher than the suit you opened with, you indicate well above a minimum opening bid and also imply that you hold greater length in the first-bid suit. One advantage of a "reverse" bid is that you can show a strong hand without making a jump-rebid.

4. Two notrump. This rebid shows 18 or 19 high-card points and balanced distribution (no singleton or void, and not more than one doubleton). It describes a hand that was too strong for an opening one-notrump bid and not strong enough to open two notrump. Responder is then in an ideal position to judge what is likely to be the best final contract. Two notrump is not forcing, but in practice the responder seldom passes.

Tomorrow: Extraordinary foresight.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5232

1	6	8	2	3	4	9	5	7
2	5	4	7	9	1	6	8	3
7	9	3	6	8	5	2	4	1
9	2	6	5	7	8	1	3	4
5	3	7	4	1	2	8	6	9
8	4	1	9	6	3	7	2	5
6	8	9	3	4	7	5	1	2
3	7	5	1	2	6	4	9	8
4	1	2	8	5	9	3	7	6

Tricky — B5232

8	7	4	3	2	9	5	1	6
9	1	3	7	6	5	8	2	4
2	5	6	1	8	4	9	3	7
4	8	5	6	3	7	1	9	2
3	6	2	5	9	1	4	7	8
7	9	1	8	4	2	6	5	3
5	2	9	4	7	6	3	8	1
1	4	8	2	5	3	7	6	9
6	3	7	9	1	8	2	4	5